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**From:** Jenkins, Brandi [Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/24/2020 4:12:51 PM  
**To:** Gettle, Jeaneanne [Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov]; Hicks, Matt [Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov]; Calli, Rosemary [Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov]; McGill, Thomas [Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Allenbach, Becky [Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov]; Ghosh, Mita [Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov]; Creswell, Michael [Creswell.Michael@epa.gov]; Nagrani, Kavita [Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov]; Wise, Allison [Wise.Allison@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Thanks everyone!

Brandi

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**From:** Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; McGill, Thomas <Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Allenbach, Becky <Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>; Creswell, Michael <Creswell.Michael@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>; Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

I am good with this

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**From:** Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:07 AM  
**To:** Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>; McGill, Thomas <Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Allenbach, Becky <Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>; Creswell, Michael <Creswell.Michael@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>; Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>  
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Looks good to me as well.

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**From:** Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>; McGill, Thomas <Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Allenbach, Becky <Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Creswell, Michael <Creswell.Michael@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>; Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>  
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These look good to me.

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**From:** Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:02 AM  
**To:** Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>; McGill, Thomas <Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Allenbach, Becky <Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Creswell, Michael <Creswell.Michael@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita

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Below are edits from OGC. Please let me know if you're good with these edits.

Thanks – Brandi

*Proposed Response:*

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 12:41 PM

**To:** McGill, Thomas <McGill.Thomas@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Allenbach, Becky <Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Creswell, Michael <Creswell.Michael@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>

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## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** McGill, Thomas <McGill.Thomas@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 12:30 PM

**To:** Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>; Allenbach, Becky <Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Creswell, Michael <Creswell.Michael@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Brandi – I am copying Mita, Michael, Kavita and Matt on this email to weigh-in, and I've revised your draft response as follows. I don't think we can be more specific in responding to the questions about how we would consider the comments or the weight they will be given, and I welcome others to chime-in. Tom

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Jenkins, Brandi <[Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** McGill, Thomas <[McGill.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:McGill.Thomas@epa.gov)>; Calli, Rosemary <[Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov](mailto:Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gettle, Jeaneanne <[Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov](mailto:Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov)>; Allenbach, Becky <[Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov](mailto:Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting  
**Importance:** High

Tom and Rosemary,

We received the below inquiry from the Tampa Bay Times. Can you help me draft the response? We've got to run our draft response by HQ so if we can get something up there early afternoon, that'd be great. I've started a draft (see below) but feel free to edit accordingly:

Draft Response:

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Zachary Sampson <[zsampson@tampabay.com](mailto:zsampson@tampabay.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Brandi <[Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov)>; Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Hello,

I'm the environmental reporter at the Tampa Bay Times working on a story about public comments submitted for Florida's proposal to assume 404 permitting duties. I'm on deadline and am looking for a response by tomorrow (11/24) at noon.

Of the 446 comments available online earlier this month that I was able to review, at least 394 were opposed to the state taking over the programming. Among the criticisms were that the state environmental agency is beholden to developers and political influence, has seen staffing reductions including vacant positions and has not provided a clear breakdown of the exact waters it will seek to oversee.

I'm hoping for comment from EPA on the thrust of these comments. How will the agency consider these comments in its decision? What weight are they given? Additionally, when does it plan to make its decision? Is it possible the EPA could extend the current timeline, including leaving the decision to a future administration?

My cell is 401-474-2585.

Thanks,  
Zack

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